

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 441

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard A. Odom of Madison.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard A. Odom; and

WHEREAS, Richard Odom was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in 1933, he was a graduate of Isaac Litton High School and a veteran of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Richard Odom co-owned Tennessee Pride Sausage Company with his brother, Doug; the two ran the company together for over fifty years until his brother's retirement, at which point he became chairman of the company until his own retirement; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-eight years, Mr. Odom served with acumen and alacrity as the Commissioner and President of the Board of the Madison Suburban Utility District, in which position he oversaw significant growth and first-class service, as was evidenced by the organization's multiple scores of 100 on the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Sanitary Surveys; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Odom was a charter member of the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club, worked with the Kings Daughter Child Development Center, and supported both the Madison Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce and Amqui Station; and

WHEREAS, Richard Odom was a devout member of City Road United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Richard Odom is survived by his loving wife of twenty-one years, Betty Cherry Odom; he is further survived by his children, Jennifer Ash, Ronica Chichelo, and Blake Chancey; his grandchildren, Alan Odom, Marilyn Odom, Zack Chichelo, Zoe Chichelo, and Bella Chancey; his brother, Doug Odom; his sisters, June England and Judy (Ralph) Wilkerson; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Louise Smith Odom; his son, Charles Alan Odom; his brother-in-law, Larry England; and his sister-in-law, Robbie Odom; and

WHEREAS, Richard Odom leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard A. Odom, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Odom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.